श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : मुझे केवल दो बातें कहनी हैं । जब से बैंक घोटाले का प्रश्न सामने आया (**व्यवधान**) ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : That matter we want to close.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : तब से कई मंत्रियों की ओर संदेह की अंगुली उठ रही थी (**व्यवधान**) लेकिन अब तो यह आंच प्रधान मंत्री जी के घर तक पहुंच चुकी है । इस तरह के मामलों को गंभीरता को कम कर के नहीं आंका जा सकता है । मारग्रेट आल्वा जी का यह कहना कि यह न्यूजपेपर्ज की रिपोर्ट है यह तो प्रेस के महत्व को नकारना है । प्रेस प्रजातंत्र का चौथा मजबूत पाया है । इस देश में खोजी पत्रकारों ने कितने ही घोटालों का पर्दाफाश किया है । इसके लिए वे बधाई के पात्र हैं लेकिन मैं यह कहना चाहती हूं (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : चलिए, यह मैटर खत्म ।

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : मैं यह कहना चाहती हूं कि यह मसला अगर असत्य है तो इसके लिए तो एक क्षण की देरी लगाए बिना सरकार को सदन में आकर इसे निराधार साबित करना चाहिए (**व्यवधान**) अभी तो मंत्रियों को भी जे. पी. सी. ने नहीं बुलाया है (**व्यवधान**) इसलिए सदन में प्रधानमंत्री जी की ओर से बयान आना चाहिए। अगर यह आरोप निराधार है तो इसको तुरन्त बिना एक क्षण की देरी लगाए सदन में आना चाहिए ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mrs. Alva has replied. Now I will ask Jayanthiji.

Re. : ATROCITIES COMMITTED ON WOMEN DURING RECENT COMMUNAL ROITS IN MAJOR CITIES

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, I want to raise an important issue. The House has been engaged on an issue for the last three days ...(*Interruptions*)

Would you mind hearing me? Are there any other issues you are concerned with ?

Madam, the tragedy is that when this country is burning, these people are concerned with their narrow political objectives unfortunately. This is not political. This is about women.

Madam, four national mowen's organistations have released a report to the Press yesterday on the atrocities commited during the recent communal riots in major cites. Representatives of the four national women's organisations went to all these cities, met a large number of women and children who were hurt in the communal roits. The findings they presented to the Press yesterday, and the report that they released has some very serious and grave allegations against various people. What they found is that most of the riots were planned and that the sexual atrocities against women in all those major cities were also planned. While women from both the communities were able to help each other, unfortunately most of the attacks were planned and targeted on *women from the minority community.* This is a matter of great tragedy, something that the House should take note of. Something should be done about it. Therefore, I demand that the Government should take very seriously the report of the four national women's organisations. The Minister for Women and Child Welfare or the Home Minister should come up with a statement.

The children who have watched these atrocities being perpetrated on their mothers and sisters and their family members need special care. My demand is that in the communal riots, those who have been affected, particularly the women and the children, have to be taken care of immediately. You have to collect authentic and reliable data in this regard.

Immediate steps should be taken, especially for rehabilitation of women and children who are affected as a result of the communal riots.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA (Bihar) : Madam, I associate...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I think the whole House associates with it.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Madam, in various places, espacially in Surat atrocities have been committed on women. The Government has not done anything about it. (*Interruptions*) This is a very serious issue.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh) : Madam Chairperson, I really ...(*Interruptions*)

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र (बिहार) : सारा हाउस इसके समर्थन में है । आप भी तो कुछ कहिए ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I agree that the whole House associates with the findings of the women's association. I don't think there is any need to make any more ...(*Interruptions*) We have other business also.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Madam, only our association with the matter is not enough. The Government must come-out with a concrete proposal about the redressal of the women's problems.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : I thank Mrs. Jayanthi Natarajan for raising a very relevent and tragic issue. It should agitate the minds of all the people in the House and outside. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I cannot allow. (*Interruptions*) I am sorry.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : I want the Government to respond definitely to this If we merely associate ourselves with the issue, it does not produce results. We would like to know the reaction of the Government thereto. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I would request the sentiments of the House...

श्री राम नरेश यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया . . .

उपसभापति : एक मिनट आप जरा बैठिए ।

श्री राम नरेश यादव : (उत्तर प्रदेश : वे बताएं कि सरकार क्या करना चाहती है । महोदया . . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I will do that. Now that the whole House without reservation has associated on such a serious issue, I think the Parliamentary Affairs ...(*Interruptions*) Mrs Alva, if the Leader of the CPI(M) will allow you to speak about the women's problem. (*Interruptions*) I think it is very unfortunate when such a serious matter is taken and you are not allowing Mrs. Alva to listen. It is absolutely unfair. Only a man can do this. (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : It does not matter. The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Mr. Dipen Ghosh was trying to convince personally on the important issue.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I doubt it.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal) : When she was in the Opposition, we had taken up various issues on the basis of newspaper reports.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : No. We are not going to discuss anything. It will dilute the issue, which Mrs. Natarajan has raised It is not a laughing matter It is a very serious matter that women have been subjected to such atrocities regardless of their religion or any consideration. The Government should take action on it and do whatever they can do to redress it.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA : I assure the House that we share the concern. The reports have been released only yesterday by the women's organisation. I shall certainly get a copy of the report. I shall ask the Department of Women and Child Development to process them. I would also personally see that something is done.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now that matter is closed ... (*Interruptions*).

Now that is over. You would report about this to the House. (*Interruptions*) I will allow it. The Hon. Minister has given something in writing. I will permit you. (*Interruptions*).

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी (पश्चिमी बंगाल) : महोदया...

उपसभापति : बैठिए। अभी सब हो गए साथ में... **(व्यवधान)**

RE : FLASH STRIKE BY DELHI BAR ASSOCIATION

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI (Karnataka) : Madam, I am very grateful to you for permitting me to raise an issue which far transcends the issue of executive corruption or incompetence. It is an issue about how executive corruption and incompetence are being insidiously transferred and injected into our judicial system. The Delhi Bar Association has proceeded on a flash strike —an unprecedented action in the history of the Bar—over an appointment which has been made to the Delhi High Court. A lawyer who has been appointed to the Bench of the Delhi High Court is a lawyer who has been found guilty by the Vigilance Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association of the most unethical professional... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You speak about the strike, not about the Judge.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : No, I am not talking of Judges. I am talking of what the executive has done in this case. I tell you now, a Member, a very distinguished Member of this House has brought the fact of this gentleman's antecedents to the notice of the previous Law Minister. The previous Law Minister with his honesty and integrity, confessed that this man* and he assured the hon. Member that this man shall not be a Judge of the High Court. But after the Law Minister has gone, I understand that every adverse remark has been removed from the files and the Prime Minister has been misguided into signing the warrant of appointment of this gentleman.

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Jethmalani, you are a very eminent lawyer. I do not challenge your knowledge of law. But I would like to mention to you that in our House, the tradition, custom and practice is that—and it is also supported by the Constitution—we do not discuss...

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : We are not supposed to discuss the conduct of a Judge of the High Court in the discharge of his duties. But I can certainly comment upon the corruption of the Law Ministry in having this man appointed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You can talk about the strike and not beyond that.

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Now something has got to be done because the entire Bar has gone on strike. This is going to affect the entire image of the judiciary if you appoint people like this to the judiciary. The rule of law and the Constitution are not going to be safe in this country... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Minister wants to respond and I will permit him.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : Madam Deputy Chairman, I thought that the hon. Member is aware of the Constitutional provision. He is a sitting Member and he should not comment adversely against any Judge. But he has chosen to do so. I would like to respond to... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Madam, the appointment was given at midnight. This man was sworn in secret at 10 O'clock in the absence of the Bar. It was a midnight appointment.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र (बिहार) मार्निंग में भी एपॉइंटमेंट होने से... **(व्यवधान)**

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let the Minister reply to what you have said.

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ : He is in the habit of misguiding everybody in the nation. He is such a person about whom everybody knows. He is * I can tell you. ...(*Interruptions*)...

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.